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# DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

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Attorney Docket Number

GKNG 1272 PCT

First Named Inventor

ARNE BERGER, ET AL.

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

LONGITUDINAL PLUNGING UNIT WITH CAGE SECURING MEANS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

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(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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